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SUBJ: CIVIAL AIR: SYRIAN ARAB AIRLINES AIRCRAFT PURCHASE

REF: AMMAN 4436

1. AS OF NOW DECISION HAS NOT BEEN TAKEN ON THE SYRIAN ARAB AIRLINES PURCHASE. ACCORDING TO LOMBARD, COMMITTEE HAS SPLIT THREE/THREE IN FAVOR OF TRISTAR AND AIRBUS RESPECTIVELY AND PRESIDENT ASAD IS NOW STUDING THE CASE. ANOTHER SOURCE OF LOMBARD'S INDICATES THAT THE PRESIDENT IS FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARD THE TRISTAR AND PLANS TO MAKE ANNOUNCEMENT TO THIS EFFECT SOMETIME ON OR ABOUT AUGUST 12 WHICH, INCIDENTALLY, IS AMERICAN DAY AT THE DAMASCUS FAIR. I AM STILL FOLLOWING MATTER CLOSELY BUT HAVE NO WAY OF CORROBORATING THE ABOVE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY GEORGE LOMBARD'S SOURCES.

2. SUBSEQUENT TO THE DRAFTING OF ABOVE, GEORGE LOMBARD CALLED AND INFORMED ME THAT DECISION IMMINENT THIS AFTERNOON. HE ASKED ME TO DELIVER LETTER TO FOREIGN MINISTER SPELLING OUT LOCKHEED'S MOST RECENT OFFER. LETTER WAS DELIVERED PROMPLY. LOMBARD ADDED THAT HE HAD A MEETING WITH GENERAL MUSTAFA TLAS, MINISTER OF DEFENSE, CONFIDENTIAL

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WHO TOLD HIM THAT SYRIAN GOVERNMENT IS TENDING TOWARDS

AIRBUS BUT THAT TLAS THOUGHT IT WAS STILL WORTH AN EFFORT
TO GET LETTER DELIVERED. IF ANYTHING MORE IS HEARD WILL
REPORT PROMPTLY.
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